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SUMMARY: FOLLOWING PRESIDENT CARTER'S KEYNOTE SPEECH
(SEPTEL), PRESIDENT EANES, PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, CHAN-
CELLOR SCHMIDT, AND PRIME MINISTERS NORDLI AND ANDREOTTI
ADDRESSED THE COUNCIL. ALLIED LEADERS COVERED A WIDE
RANGE OF ISSUES ON AGENDA, INCLUDING NATO DEFENSE NEEDS,
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EAST-WEST RELATIONS AND BELGRADE. THERE WAS GENERAL
SUPPORT FOR THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS ON A COMPREHENSIVE
REVIEW OF LONG-TERM DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS, COOPERATION
ON DEFENSE EQUIPMENT PRODUCTION AND A STUDY OF EAST-WEST
RELATIONS. END SUMMARY

1. FOLLOWING SECRETARY GENERAL LUNS' WELCOMING REMARKS,

LUNS CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT. (TEXT OF PRESIDENT'S REMARKS SENT SEPTEL.)

2. PRESIDENT EANES PRAISED PRESIDENT CARTER FOR HIS RE-NEWED PROFESSION OF FAITH IN THE ALLIANCE. HIS WORDS, EANES SAID, WERE A LOGICAL SEQUENCE TO VICE PRESIDENT MONDALE'S IN JANUARY WHEN HE RESTATED THE UNITED STATES COMMITMENT TO NATO. AS ONE OF THE SMALLEST ALLIES, PORTUGAL WAS GRATIFIED BY THE AMERICAN COMMITMENT TO CONSULTATIONS--NOT IN ORDER TO ARRIVE AT A COMMON LINE (NATO IS NOT A MONOLITH) BUT TO SAFEGUARD DIVERSITY AND PROMOTE A COMMUNITY OF INTERESTS. POLITICAL CONNECTIONS HAVE PROVED PROFITABLE AND SHOULD BE EXTENDED. EANES WAS HAPPY THAT THIS SEEMED TO BE THE INTENTION OF PRESIDENT CARTER. THE PRESIDENT HAD ALSO MADE PROPOSALS TO REVITALIZE NATO'S INSTITUTIONS. THE MACHINERY NEEDS TO BE REIMBUED WITH POLITICAL WILL. HE PRAISED THE AD HOC GROUP ON MILITARY AID TO PORTUGAL. HE DESCRIBED THIS AS A NEW AND UNIQUE DEVELOPMENT CONTRIBUTING TO FORCE GOALS IN THE COMMON INTEREST. IT WAS A REALISTIC ADJUSTMENT TO PAST PRACTICES. EANES SAID THAT NATO'S MILITARY FORCES WOULD HAVE TO BE ADAPTED TO ITS ECONOMIC PROSPECTS. HE WAS FULLY AWARE OF THE STRATEGIC IMPORTANCE OF THE MADEIRA/AZORES/PORTUGAL TRIANGLE, GUARDING THE ENTRANCE TO THE MEDITERRANEAN. PORTUGAL WILL CONTRIBUTE ITS SHARE TO THE ALLIANCE, BUT ACCOUNT WILL HAVE TO BE TAKEN OF THE NEEDS OF THE PORTUGUESE PEOPLE. EANES PRAISED THE PRESIDENT'S EMPHASIS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND ASSERTED AN UNSWERVING DE-CONFIDENTIAL

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FENSE OF THOSE RIGHTS WOULD BE NO OBSTACLE TO DEFENSE. HE ALSO ALLUDED TO THE PRESIDENT'S PROPOSALS ON STRATEGIC ARMS TALKS AND EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT THAT THE SOVIETS HAD REJECTED THEM. HE HOPED FOR AN UNDERSTANDING WITH THE SOVIET UNION THAT WOULD NOT JEOPARDIZE ALLIANCE SECURITY. ASSERTING THAT DETENTE CANNOT BE CONFINED TO CERTAIN GEOGRAPHIC AREAS, EANES SAID THAT HE FELT STRONGLY ABOUT THE QUESTION OF FREEDOM WHEREVER IT OCCURS. DESTABILIZING ACTIVITIES ANYWHERE CAN AFFECT OUR SECURITY AND WE SHOULD MAKE CLEAR TO THE SOVIET UNION THAT DETENTE IN EUROPE HAS NO MEANING WHILE THREATS OCCUR ELSEWHERE. AFTER A BRIEF ALLUSION TO THE NORTH-SOUTH DIALOGUE, EANES MENTIONED BELGRADE. ALTHOUGH HE WOULD LEAVE IT TO HIS FOREIGN MINISTER TO DISCUSS CSCE AT MAY 11 SESSION, HE WISHED TO EXPRESS HIS APPRECIATION FOR THE ALLIED COORDINATION OF PREPARATION FOR BELGRADE. NATO'S COHESIVENESS WAS NOT AFFECTED BY PLURALITY OF APPROACHES. CSCE PREPARATIONS CONSTITUTED A PRECEDENT FOR EFFORTS TO ENHANCE SOLIDARITY.

3. PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU, NOTING THAT ALTHOUGH SEVERAL OTHERS PRESENT HAD DISCUSSED OTHER ISSUES IN A SEPARATE SUMMIT, SAID IT WOULD BE CATASTROPHIC IF THE ALLIES IGNORED THE INTERRELATIONSHIP BETWEEN ECONOMIC AND SECURITY CONCERNS. THE PROBLEMS OF THE PLANET COULD NOT BE DIVIDED INTO COMPARTMENTS. THE INTERRELATIONSHIP OF ISSUES AND THE INTERDEPENDENCE OF COUNTRIES MADE THE ARTIFICIAL DISTINCTIONS BETWEEN ECONOMICS AND POLITICS AND DEFENSE, OBSOLETE.

4. TRUDEAU CONTINUED THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN THE HISTORY OF THE ALLIANCE EACH OF THE LEADERS PRESENT REPRESENTED A DEMOCRATIC REGIME. THAT, IN TRUDEAU'S VIEW, WAS PERHAPS THE MOST SIGNIFICANT EVENT IN THE HISTORY OF NATO. THE DEMOCRACIES OF NATO ARE GUARDIANS OF HUMAN DIGNITY, SUPPORTERS OF INDIVIDUAL LIBERTIES, CONFIDENTIAL

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PROPOSERS OF FREE EXPRESSION AND OF ARTISTIC CREATIVITY. THESE SOCIETIES REPRESENTED THE GREATEST DISPLAY OF DEMOCRATIC ACHIEVEMENT IN THE HISTORY OF MANKIND. OUR ADVERSARIES, WHO FEAR FREEDOM MORE THAN THEY FEAR WAR, OFFER AN EXTRAORDINARY CONTRAST AND THE SYMBOLISM OF THE NATO SUMMIT MEETING WOULD NOT BE LOST ON THE PEOPLES OF EASTERN EUROPE, OR ON THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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5. REMARKING THAT TODAY'S WORLD REVOLVES ON TWO AXES, ONE EAST-WEST, THE OTHER NORTH-SOUTH, TRUDEAU SAID IT WAS NECESSARY FOR NATO TO HAVE A CLEAR SENSE OF EACH. SINCE THE LAST NATO SUMMIT TWO YEARS AGO, THERE HAD BEEN WORLD-WIDE CHANGES OF IMMENSE SCOPE AND LASTING IMPACT. IT IS NECESSARY TO ADDRESS THESE CHALLENGES WITH GUSTO AND HONESTY. WE FACE A GLOBAL ECONOMIC STRUCTURE THAT IS NO LONGER ADEQUATE TO MEET THE TASKS EXPECTED OF IT; PAUCITY OF ESSENTIAL ENERGY RESOURCES; AND A SHIFT IN
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POLITICAL POWER IN WORLD INSTITUTIONS TO THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. ALTHOUGH THESE PROBLEMS ARE SOBERING, TRUDEAU STRESSED THAT THE MEN AROUND THE TABLE POSSESSED THE KIND OF QUALITIES THAT WERE NECESSARY TO SOLVE THEM. TRUDEAU CONCLUDED HIS REMARKS BY INDICATING HIS HOPE THAT THE REST OF TODAY WOULD OFFER AN OPPORTUNITY FOR INFORMAL DISCUSSION. SET SPEECHES WOULD NOT SOLVE SUCH PROBLEMS AS THE INCOMPATIBILITY OF NATO'S WEAPONS, AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT. PERHAPS A CANDID DISCUSSION AROUND THE TABLE TODAY MIGHT START NATO IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION.

6. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT THANKED PRESIDENT EANES AND PRIME MINISTER CALLAGHAN, AND PAID TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S IMPRESSIVE AND WELCOME OPENING SPEECH. IN LIGHT OF WHAT THE PRESIDENT HAD SAID AND PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU'S CHALLENGE TO THE COUNCIL, SCHMIDT SAID HE WOULD DIGRESS COMPLETELY FROM HIS PREPARED SPEECH. HE AGREED THAT PEACE WOULD BE ASSURED IF THE ALLIANCE MAINTAINED ITS SOLIDARITY. HE SAID THAT THE ALLIES CAN LOOK TO THE FUTURE WITH CONFIDENCE, BUT NOT COMPLACENCY. DETENTE IS AS INDIVISIBLE AS DEFENSE. IT IS PART OF

ONE COHERENT STRATEGY OF SECURITY AND OF PEACE. BUT TIMES HAVE CHANGED. TODAY THE SOVIETS HAVE ACHIEVED NOT ONLY NUCLEAR PARITY BUT HAVE FIELDDED ENORMOUS CONVENTIONAL FORCES IN EUROPE AS WELL. NEVERTHELESS, JOINTLY THE ALLIES COULD COUNTER-BALANCE THIS SOVIET STRENGTH.

7. SCHMIDT NEXT WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S INVITATION TO STUDY NATO'S LONG-TERM DEFENSE NEEDS. THE GERMANS, HE SAID, HAD ALWAYS FAVORED COOPERATION IN WEAPONS PROCUREMENT AND STANDARDIZATION. HE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S ASSERTION THAT THERE CANNOT BE ONE WAY TRAFFIC ON THIS PARTICULAR STREET. HE ALSO WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S CALL FOR DISCUSSIONS ON WAYS TO RE-
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STRICT CONVENTIONAL ARMS TRANSFERS. THE FRG HAD CONSISTENTLY PURSUED A POLICY OF NOT EXPORTING WEAPONS OUTSIDE THE ALLIANCE AND THEREFORE THE PRESIDENT'S INITIATIVE POSED NO PROBLEMS FOR GERMANY. HE RECOGNIZED, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER ALLIES OF COURSE HAD DIFFERENT ARMS EXPORT POLICIES AND THAT SOME OF THESE EXPORTS WERE NECESSARY TO BALANCE SOVIET SALES.

8. TURNING TO THE QUESTION OF BROAD STRATEGY, THE CHANCELLOR NOTED THAT THE STRATEGY OF FLEXIBLE RESPONSE MADE THE RISKS FOR AN AGGRESSOR INCALCULABLE. HE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S REAFFIRMATION OF THE US COMMITMENT, AND ASSERTED THAT CONTINUING EUROPEAN-AMERICAN CONSENSUS ON STRATEGY WAS ESSENTIAL. LOOKING BACK OVER THE PAST 20 YEARS, SCHMIDT DETECTED THREE STAGES IN THE EVOLUTION OF STRATEGY. IN THE FIRST STAGE, IN THE 1950'S, DETERRENCE WAS MORE IMPORTANT THAN DEFENSE--STABILITY ACHIEVED BY NUCLEAR SUPERIORITY AT A TIME OF CONVENTIONAL INFERIORITY. THE SECOND STAGE, IN THE 1960S, SAW A CHANGE IN JOINT STRATEGY ACCOMPANIED BY SOME PAINS. THE ALLIANCE MOVED TO FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, WHICH IS STILL THE OFFICIAL STRATEGY--A STRATEGY OF BOTH DETENTE AND DEFENSE, EMBRACING A MIXTURE OF STRATEGIC, THEATER NUCLEAR, AND CONVENTIONAL FORCES. WE ARE NOW MOVING INTO A THIRD STAGE IN WHICH CONVENTIONAL FORCES, BECAUSE OF NUCLEAR PARITY BETWEEN THE US AND USSR, ARE AGAIN GROWING IN IMPORTANCE. SCHMIDT EXPRESSED CONFIDENCE THAT SALT II WOULD SUCCEED AND WOULD STABILIZE THIS PARITY. IN THE COMING YEARS, THEREFORE, THE POLITICAL-MILITARY IMPORTANCE OF THE STRATEGIC NUCLEAR FACTOR IN OUR STRATEGY WILL DIMINISH. IT WILL BECOME EXCLUSIVELY AN INSTRUMENT OF LAST RESORT. THIS DEVELOPMENT MUST REORIENT OUR ATTENTION TO CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS FOR BOTH DETENTE AND DEFENSE. THE MORE WE

MAINTAIN NUCLEAR PARITY, THE MORE WE SHALL NEED CONVENTIONAL BALANCE.
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9. THE CHANCELLOR THEN CRITICIZED THOSE IN PUBLIC LIFE AND IN THE MEDIA WHO OVERDRAMATIZE THE ASSERTION THAT THE WEST STANDS IN MILITARY IMBALANCE TO THE EAST. HE EXPLORED SUCH OVERDRAMATICS AND ASSERTED THAT WE SHOULD NOT UNDERMINE POPULAR CONFIDENCE. HE ASSURED THE COUNCIL THAT THE FRG WOULD LIVE UP TO ITS ALLIANCE COMMITMENTS, BUT INSISTED THAT THE GERMAN PEOPLE COULD NOT GO ON BEING TOLD THAT ALL THEIR EFFORTS WERE IN VAIN. THAT, HE SAID, IS RIDICULOUS AND DESTRUCTIVE.

10. IF ONE WANTS TO ACHIEVE CONVENTIONAL BALANCE, SCHMIDT OBSERVED THAT THERE ARE TWO WAYS; (1) TO INCREASE OUR OWN MILITARY STRENGTH AND (2) FOR BOTH SIDES TO REDUCE THEIR FORCES TO ACHIEVE A "COLLECTIVE AGREEMENT" BALANCE THROUGH MBFR. HE WELCOMED THE PRESIDENT'S EMPHASIS ON THAT POINT. HE STATED THAT NO ONE IN THE WEST APPROACHED THIS STAGE OF DETENTE WITH BLUE-EYED NAIVETY, BUT RATHER SENSIBLY AND PURPOSEFULLY. HE NOTED TOO THAT THE HELSINKI FINAL ACT HAD HAD A STRONG POLITICAL IMPACT, THAT IT HAD ALSO INVOLVED SOME RISKS. THE ALLIANCE MUST NOW APPROACH MBFR IN THE SAME WAY THAT IT HAD APPROACHED CSCE.

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11. SPEAKING FOR THE GERMAN PEOPLE IN THE FEDERAL REPUBLIC AND THOSE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE EUROPEAN DIVIDE, SCHMIDT ASSERTED THAT IT WAS VITAL THAT DETENTE CONTINUE, ESPECIALLY FOR A NATION IN AN EXPOSED POSITION. THE FRG PARTICULARLY DEPENDS ON NATO SOLIDARITY FOR DEFENSE AND FOR ACHIEVING DETENTE. HE PROMISED THAT THE FRG WOULD PLAY A FULL ROLE AT BELGRADE. HE PROMISED TOO THAT IT WOULD PARTICIPATE IN THE STUDY PROPOSED BY THE PRESIDENT ON LONG-TERM DECONFIDENTIAL

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VELOPMENTS OF IMPORTANCE TO THE ALLIANCE. HE URGED THAT THE MANY ALTERNATIVE POLICIES WITHIN THE REALM OF DETENTE BE DISCUSSED WITHIN THE ALLIANCE BEFORE THEY WERE MADE PUBLIC. EMPHASIZING THE PRINCIPLE OF COLLECTIVITY, HE SAID THAT MBFR MUST NOT BLOCK ANY OPTIONS FOR HOW NATO ORGANIZES ITS FUTURE DEFENSE. NO MEMBER STATE MUST BE SINGLED OUT.

12. ACKNOWLEDGING THAT HE HAD RUN OVER HIS TIME, SCHMIDT SAID HE WOULD SKIP ANY REMARKS ON BELGRADE AND CONCLUDE BY RESPONDING TO WHAT PRIME MINISTER TRUDEAU HAD SAID ABOUT THE RELATIONSHIP OF ISSUES. RECALLING HIS OWN REMARKS TO THE NATO SUMMIT IN 1975, WHEN HE HAD WARNED THAT THE GREATEST DANGER FACING THE ALLIANCE WAS NOT MILITARY BUT ECONOMIC, FINANCIAL AND SOCIAL, HE SAID THAT HE AGREED WITH TRUDEAU THAT THIS WARNING WAS AS RELEVANT TODAY AS IT WAS THEN. HE PRAISED THE EFFORTS TO SOLVE THESE PROBLEMS IN VARIOUS MULTILATERAL FORUMS SINCE THEN AND SAID THAT ALL THESE SEPARATE FIELDS HAD TO BE DEALT WITH FROM ONE CENTRAL STRATEGIC POINT OF VIEW. PEACE COULD ONLY BE STABILIZED, HE SAID, IF JOINT EFFORTS WERE MADE TO DEAL WITH INTERNATIONAL

IMBALANCES OF PAYMENTS, UNEMPLOYMENT, INFLATION AND ESPECIALLY NORTH-SOUTH PROBLEMS. HE SAID THAT HE TOOK CONFIDENCE FROM THE FACT THAT UNLIKE THE 1930S, IN THE MID-1970S THE WORLD HAD BEEN ABLE TO AVOID TRADE AND MONETARY WARFARE. IT COULD HAVE BEEN MUCH WORSE, HE SAID. 1975 COULD HAVE BEEN 1932-33 ALL OVER AGAIN. THEREFORE, HE REPEATED, IT WAS NOT GOOD TO OVERDRAMATIZE DIFFICULTIES IN THE DEFENSE FIELD OR IN THE ECONOMIC FIELD. IT WAS NECESSARY TO BE HONEST WITH OUT PUBLICS, BUT ALSO TO INSPIRE CONFIDENCE.

13. IN CLOSING, HE SAID THAT HE HAD BEEN VERY ENCOURAGED BY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL AND THAT THIS GAVE HIM CONFIDENCE AS TO WHAT WAS DEVELOPING IN THE CONFIDENTIAL

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NEIGHBORING COUNTRY OF SPAIN.

14. PRIME MINISTER NORDLI OBSERVED THAT THE PROBLEMS BEING DISCUSSED AT THE TABLE COULD SEEM PARADOXICAL TO THEIR PUBLICS. ON THE ONE HAND VIEWS WERE BEING EXCHANGED ON HOW TO STRENGTHEN DETENTE. ON THE OTHER, THE LEADERS WERE CONSULTING EACH OTHER ON HOW TO ENHANCE THE CAPABILITY OF NATO FOR DETERRENCE AND DEFENSE. THERE ARE THREE REASONS FOR THIS PARADOX. THERE IS NO RATIONAL ALTERNATIVE TO DETENTE IN THE NUCLEAR AGE. NO ONE MUST BE TEMPTED TO TRY TO ACHIEVE THEIR INTERNATIONAL OBJECTIVES THROUGH THE USE OF FORCE AND AN ADEQUATE NATO DEFENSE IS A PRECONDITION OF BOTH DETERRENCE AND DETENTE.

15. NORDLI CONTINUED THAT THE BASIC POLITICAL AND IDEOLOGICAL EAST/WEST CLEAVAGTSIN EURCHMTOULD NO DOUBT REMAIN IN THE FORESEEABLE FUTURE. ALLIANCE COOPERATION WOULD THEREFORE BE AS NECESSARY IN THE FUTURE AS IT HAD BEEN IN THE PAST. NORDLI NOTED WITH APPRECIATION THE ASSURANCE PRESIDENT CARTER HAD GIVEN OF HIS DETERMINATION TO STRENGTHEN TRANS-ATLANTIC COOPERATION. NORDLI HAD ALSO NOTED THE INTERESTING IDEAS THE PRESIDENT HAD PRESENTED CONCERNING A BETTER USE OF THE ALLIANCE RESOURCES WHICH MUST BE ALLOCATED FOR DEFENSE. THESE IDEAS WOULD BE FURTHER CONSIDERED AT THE DPC MEETING.

16. RETURNING TO EAST/WEST RELATIONS, NORDLI ASKED RHETORICALLY WHETHER THE ALLIES COULD DO MORE TO PROMOTE A CREDIBLE AND LASTING DETENTE. IT IS VITALLY IMPORTANT THAT PROGRESS BE MADE IN SALT AND THAT THE MBFR NEGOTIATIONS MOVE FORWARD. FURTHER, THE UN SPECIAL SESSION ON DISARMAMENT WOULD BE AN IMPORTANT OPPORTUNITY TO FOCUS THE WORLD'S ATTENTION ON A DIFFICULT PROBLEM.

THE ALLIES SHOULD ALSO AIM TO DEVELOP AS MANY CONTACTS
AS POSSIBLE WITH EASTERN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES IN ORDER TO
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INCREASE CONFIDENCE BETWEEN EAST AND WEST. THE BELGRADE
MEETING SHOULD BE A POSITIVE CONTRIBUTION TO THE PROCESS
OF DETENTE.

17. AT THE SAME TIME, NORDLI SAID, THE ALLIES SHOULD
FIRMLY MAINTAIN THAT HUMAN RIGHTS AND MORE OPEN HUMAN
CONTACTS REMAIN A LEGITIMATE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION IN
EAST-WEST RELATIONS. ALTHOUGH THE PROCESS OF LIBERALIZA-
TION COULD ONLY COME ABOUT AS A RESULT OF INTERNAL
EVOLUTION IN EACH INDIVIDUAL COUNTRY, THE EST SHOULD
PUT ITS FAITH IN PEACEFUL COMPETITION BETWEEN THE
DIFFERENT IDEOLOGICAL AND POLITICAL SYSTEMS. IN THIS
CONTEXT, WE SHOULD KEEP OUR OWN HOUSE IN ORDER. FULL
EMPLOYMENT WAS A NECESSARY TASK. THE WEST ALSO HAD AN
OBLIGATION TOWARD THE POOR COUNTRIES. IT WAS A QUESTION
OF BUILDING A MORE SECURE WORLD, OF CREATING GREATER
JUSTICE AND EQUALITY BETWEEN RICH AND POOR NATIONS.
NORDLI CONCLUDED BY REAFFIRMING HIS COUNTRY'S SUPPORT
FOR THE EFFORTS OF THE UK AND US TO SECURE A PEACEFUL
AND RAPID TRANSITION TO MAJORITY RULE IN ZIMBAWE, BY
INDICATING NORWAY'S SUPPORT FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF
THE UNITED NATIONS FOR SECURING INDEPENDENCE IN NAMIBIA,
AND BY CALLING FOR NEW MEASURES FOR PUTTING PRESSURE ON
SOUTH AFRICA TO ABANDON ITS POLICY OF APARTHEID.

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18. PRIME MINISTER ANDREOTTI, OBSERVING THAT THE ALLIANCE REMAINED A FUNDAMENTAL INSTRUMENT OF WESTERN STABILITY AND SOLIDARITY, SAID THAT SOLIDARITY FINDS ITS EXPRESSION IN THE COMMON DEFENSE AND IN POLITICAL CONSULTATION. THE ALLIANCE IS ALSO A MEANS OF ADAPTING TO A CONTINUOUSLY CHANGING CONTEXT. ANDREOTTI ADDED THAT THE CONTEXT OF THE STRATEGIC BALANCE PROFOUNDLY CONDITIONS THE OPTIONS BEFORE THE ALLIANCE. HE PARTICULARLY APPRECIATED PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE
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OF LAST DECEMBER TO THE ATLANTIC COUNCIL AND THE US WILLINGNESS TO CONSULT THE ALLIANCE ON GLOBAL THEMES.

19. ON THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE, ANDREOTTI SAID WE SHOULD LOOK UPON IT AS RECOGNIZING THE SUPERIORITY OF THE CONCEPTS OF FREEDOM AND DIGNITY OF THE INDIVIDUAL. THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE SHOULD ENABLE US TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TO PEACE AND JUSTICE AND THEREFORE TO SECURITY. ANDREOTTI FELT, HOWEVER, THAT DETENTE MUST GO BEYOND THE SCOPE OF THE HELSINKI AGREEMENT. DETENTE AND ITS PRINCIPLES MUST BE EXTENDED TO THE CONDUCT OF STATES IN EXTRA-EUROPEAN AREAS.

20. SECURITY CANNOT BE DIVORCED FROM DETENTE. IN FACT, INITIATIVES IN THE FIELD OF DISARMAMENT STEM FROM SECURITY. ANDREOTTI NOTED THAT SECURITY MUST BE THE STANDARD OF COMPARISON FOR MEASURES TO BE TAKEN IN MBFR IN ORDER TO MAKE THE DEFENSE OF THE ATLANTIC REGIME MORE EFFECTIVE. HE EMPHASIZED THAT FLEXIBLE RESPONSE, WHICH IS THE BASIS OF NATO DOCTRINE, MAINTAINS ITS VALIDITY WHATEVER MAY OCCUR. ANDREOTTI OPINED THAT THE MBFR

NEGOTIATIONS WILL BE LENGTHY AND WILL DEMAND GREAT PATIENCE. IN THE COURSE OF THESE NEGOTIATIONS THE WEST MUST EXPLORE WITH THE EAST AREAS WHERE THERE MIGHT BE A CHANCE OF REACHING UNDERSTANDING WITHOUT, HOWEVER, CALLING INTO QUESTION THE FUNDAMENTAL CONCEPTUAL POSITIONS OF THE ALLIANCE.

21. NOTING THE GROWING MILITARY POTENTIAL OF THE WARSAW PACT--ALARMING AS IT NO DOUBT IS--ANDREOTTI FELT THAT THE MAINTENANCE OF AN ECONOMIC BALANCE IS AN ELEMENT OF FUNDAMENTAL IMPORTANCE FOR SECURITY. HE, THEREFORE, ENDORSED EFFORTS TOWARD RATIONALIZATION AND COST EFFICIENCY, AS HIGHLY DESIRABLE. HENCE, THE DEFENSE INDUSTRIES OF THE ALLIANCE MUST COOPERATE. ANDREOTTI SAID HE GREATLY APPRECIATED PRESIDENT CARTER'S
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COMMITMENT TO ENCOURAGE AMERICAN PROCUREMENT OF EUROPEAN-MADE DEFENSE MATERIALS AND THE UNITED STATES' UNDERTAKING TO ADVANCE STANDARDIZATION AND INTER-OPERABILITY.

22. IN CONCLUSION, ANDREOTTI NOTED THE IMPORTANCE OF COOPERATION AND COHESION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE AND SAID THE ALLIANCE'S DISTINCTIVE FEATURE IS THAT IT IS A FREE UNION. VANCE

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